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SUBJECT: DECLASSIFICATION OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW

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1. WE APPRECIATE COMPLIMENT IN REFTEL, BUT ARE SOMEWHAT TROUBLED BY IDEA OF DECLASSIFYING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OVERVIEW. WHILE THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR SPELLING OUT PUBLICLY OUR FOREIGN POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, THAT OBVIOUSLY IS TRUE ONLY UP TO POINT.
2. NONETHELESS, WE HAVE GONE THROUGH OVERVIEW WITH DECLASSIFICATION IN MIND. WE FIND THAT, AS OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS OF ISSUES IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS MOST OF WHAT WE HAVE WRITTEN COULD BE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN. PROBLEM ARISES ONLY IN IDENTIFYING THESE STATEMENTS AS OFFICIAL POLICY GOALS, WHICH AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE, GIVES THEM DIFFERENT AND POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL CONNOTATION.
3. WHAT WE HAVE DONE, THEREFORE, IS TO INDICATE IN COPY OF OVERVIEW BEING POUCHED EA/J PORTIONS OF TEXT WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE ELIMINATED IF MATERIAL IS TO BE USED PUBLICLY. BALANCE OF PAPER CAN THAN BE TREATED AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--NOT TO BE QUOTED DIRECTLY, BUT TO BE USED FREELY AS GRIST FOR PUBLIC
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STATEMENTS. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD MAKE PRODUCT USEFUL TO YOU, WHILE ELIMINATING POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND SHIELDING OUR INTERNAL POLICY PROCESS FROM PUBLIC VIEW.
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